GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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ENROLMENT OF CHILDREN OF MINORITY COMMIUNITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage and number o f children o f minority communities studying at primary and higher secondary schools, colleges, institution of higher education in each year during the last three years; and

(b) the specific steps taken to improve their greater participation in education economic activities, employment opportunities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) Educational statistics are not being collected or maintained for classification of students belonging to the minorities.

(b) Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), 99 focus districts having over 20% Muslim population have been identified and 25.5 % o f total SSA funds have been allocated to them. Under the scheme Madrasas and Maktabs are also being supported under Educational Guarantee Scheme (EGS) and Alternative & Innovative Education (AIE) programme. Further 210 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas are being established in minority dominated blocks.

The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is extending modern general education/vocational education to children from minority community through the advocacy programme in Bihar, Rajasthan, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Jharkhand. This Ministry is also implementing, through state governments and UT Administrations, the Area Intensive and Madarsa Modernisation Programme (AIMMP) for providing general education in modern subjects through Madrasas/Maktabs.